DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

I. Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income-tax Commissioner*) : 'Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,050 under Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income for the following items : —Rs. 1150 for an additional grant for the travelling allowance of the members of the Jenmikaram Commutation Committee. The other is an additional grant to the extent of Rs. 1,500—under T. A. and Rs. 400 under Anchal Charges in the Budget of the Income-tax Department.

As regards the first item my submission is that the members of the Commutation Committee have travelled in connection with meetings and they have to be paid their travelling allowance. In regard to the additional grant necessary for the Income-tax Department I have to state that it was found not possible to anticipate what the real expenses will be. A sum of Rs. 2000 was originally set apart for the travelling allowance of the Deputy Commissioner and the three Income-tax Auditors. Now it has been found that they have to travel much. At present no money is available to meet their travelling allowances. Therefore, the minimum requirement has been fixed at Rs. 1500 under T. A. for 1114; a sum of Rs. 400 is also required towards Anchal charges. The amount is necessary for purchasing service stamps. I request the House to sanction this Demand.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I know how much amount is set apart in each of the Divisions during the current year for the T. A. of the members of the Jenmikaram Commutation Committee ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : We had allotted Rs. 500 for the Trivandrum Division, Rs. 900 for Quilon and Rs. 700 for the other two Divisions. The amount that is immediately required is about Rs. 1000 for the Quilon Division and Rs. 150 for the other two Divisions.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I know the reason for such disparity in the allotment of sums under T. A between Quilon and other Divisions ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : That amount is to be paid towards the travelling allowance due to the members who have already done work in that connection.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Am I to take it that the members of the Quilon Division can travel at convenient distances and the others cannot ?

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Mr. M Ramachandra Rao: All that I can now say is that the members of the Committee in the Quilon Division have travelled a lot and hence the necessity for paying them.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Am I to take it that the member has no belief in economies being effected?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: Whenever occasions arise I do effect economies in expenditure relating to my department.

President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 3050 for additional grant for the T. A. of the members of the Jenmikaram Commutation Committee Rs. 1150, additional grants of Rs. 1500 under T. A. and of Rs. 400 under Anchal charges in the budget of the Income-tax Department be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

II. MEDICAL.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 5500 for the supply of Coal Gas to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during 1113 and 1114. Coal Gas is used in the General Hospital for sterilising purposes in the operation theatre, clinical laboratory and the out patient department. This supply was first begun from Mithunam 1112. So it was not possible to know the amount required on account of the cost of supply made in the year 1113 in that year itself. The invoices were received from the P. W. D. only in Thulam 1114 and according to those invoices the cost of supply for 1113 comes to Rs. 2700. Calculated on the above basis the cost for the year 1114 is estimated at Rs. 2800. Therefore the expenditure for 1113 and 1114 put together comes to Rs. 5500. It is to meet the above expenditure that the grant has been applied for. I request that the House may be pleased to vote this grant.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapally, Karthigapally and Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): May I know why the P. W. Department has made such a long delay as late as Thulam 1114 in submitting their invoices towards the supply of coal gas.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: They were able to prepare the estimate for 1113 only at the beginning of this year.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: It was stated by the member that the supply of coal gas began as early as Kanni 1112.

Mr. P Parameswaran Pillai: No, Sir. I beg to correct that statement. The supply began only in Mithunam 1112.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Was it not possible for the department to submit the invoices much earlier?

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